



Arizona Rosary Celebration

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Welcome to Arizona Rosary Celebration 2017

Honoring Mary under Her Title Our Lady of Fatima

DIOCESE OF TUCSON

October 21, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
8650 North Shannon Road, Tucson, AZ 85742
Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas, Presiding

DIOCESE OF PHOENIX

October 22, 2017

2:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Phoenix Convention Center
33 S. 3rd St. - Halls F & G, Phoenix, AZ 85004
Most Rev. Eduardo A. Nevares, Presiding

We look forward to the 2017 Arizona Rosary Celebration as we honor our Blessed Mother under her title of Our Lady of Fatima. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the appearances to the three children of Fatima, Portugal. Mary's message to them and to us through them is to pray the Rosary daily for peace in the world. The message they received encouraged prayer, devotion to the Mary and penance to end the war in Europe and bring peace. We are called to the same message to pray for peace and to be attentive to those most in need. You are invited to renew your devotion to Mary, the Mother of God and deliberately pray for an end to violence and inhuman treatment of all God's people everywhere. -Most Rev. Gerald F. Kicanas

At Fatima, Mary appeared to three illiterate children. Rooted in a profound relationship with Our Blessed Mother, as children of God, we are all called to learn from her. Today, some use their education and sophistication to erect obstacles to what Mary can teach us.

The message of conversion proclaimed by Our Lady of Fatima is faithful to the tradition that finds expression in the Hebrew prophets, was witnessed to by John the Baptist as he prepared the way for the Lord and was proclaimed by Jesus from the first days of his public ministry. Today, we are called to open our hearts and listen to Mary, as she repeats this most fundamental message that must be proclaimed for every generation to hear: Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand.

-Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmsted

**NEXT PLANNING MEETING
TUCSON**

Saturday, June 24, 2017

St. Joseph Parish, St. Francis Room
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
215 S. Craycroft Road, Tucson, AZ 85711

**NEXT PLANNING MEETING
PHOENIX**

Saturday, June 3, 2017

Diocesan Pastoral Center
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
400 E. Monroe Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004

Future Meeting Dates

July 29, 2017 St. Joseph's, St. Francis Rm.
August 26, 2017 St. Joseph's Healy Hall
September 30, 2017 St. Joseph's Healy Hall

Future Meeting Dates

July 8, 2017 Diocesan Pastoral Center
August 5, 2017 Diocesan Pastoral Center
September 16, 2017 Ss. Simon & Jude Cathedral
October 7, 2017 Diocesan Pastoral Center

Be sure your Parish, Council, Assembly, Praesidium and Organization are represented at these meetings.

Our Lady of Fatima

(The second in a series on Our Lady of Fatima)



The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, appeared six times to three shepherd children ("The Three Seers") near the town of Fatima, Portugal between May 13 and October 13, 1917. Appearing to the children, the Blessed Virgin told them that She had been sent by God with a message for every man, woman and child living in our century. Coming at a time when civilization was torn asunder by war and bloody violence, she promised that Heaven would grant peace to all the world if Her requests for prayer, reparation and consecration were heard and obeyed.

"If My requests are granted ... there will be peace"

Our Lady of Fatima explained to the children that war is a punishment for sin and warned that God would further castigate the world for its disobedience to His Will by means of war, hunger and the persecution of the Church, the Holy Father and the Catholic Faithful. God's Mother prophesied that Russia would be God's chosen "instrument of chastisement," spreading the "errors" of atheism and materialism across the earth, fomenting wars, annihilating nations and persecuting the Faithful everywhere.

"If My requests are not granted, Russia will spread its errors throughout the world, raising up wars and persecutions

against the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will suffer much and various nations will be annihilated."

In all Her appearances at Fatima, the Blessed Mother repeatedly emphasized the necessity of praying the Rosary daily, of wearing the Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel and of performing acts of reparation and sacrifice. To prevent the terrible chastisement at the hands of Russia and to convert "that poor nation", Our Lady requested the solemn public Consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart by the Pope and all the Catholic bishops of the world. She also asked that the Faithful practice a new devotion of reparation on the first Saturday of five consecutive months ("The Five First Saturdays")

The heart of Our Lady's Message to the world is contained in what has come to be called the "Secret" which she confided to the three child seers in July 1917. The Secret actually consists of three parts, the first two of which have been publicly revealed. The first part of the Secret was a horrifying Vision of hell "where the souls of poor sinners go" and contained an urgent plea from Our Lady for acts of prayer and sacrifice to save souls. The second part of the Secret specifically prophesied the outbreak of World War II and contained the Mother of God's solemn request for the Consecration of Russia as a condition for world peace. It also predicted the inevitable triumph of Her Immaculate Heart following Russia's consecration and the conversion "of that poor nation" to the Catholic Faith.

The last part of the Secret (often called the "Third Secret") but was written down by Lucy Dos Santos, the last living Fatima seer, in 1944 and has been in the possession of the Holy See since 1957.



Note: This month's newsletter is in an abbreviated format. Next month we will return to our normal size.